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Three West Islanders paced the Concordia Stingers to a 20-11 upset victory over the sixth-ranked Queen's Golden Gaels Sunday.

The victory gave the Stingers a 1-0 record (2-0 overall) and a tie with Bishop's and Ottawa for first place in the O-QIFC.

Concordia entered the game ranked ninth in the CIAU polls and should move up with their convincing victory.

Gaston Thibodeau, a former John Abbott standout, **Stéphane Chapados** of Dollard des Ormeaux and **Alvaro Martinez** of Pierrefonds paced the stingy Stinger defense. The defense was near perfect limiting Queen's to just four points on a field goal and a single. The Gaels scored their only touchdown on a fumble recovery on a blocked punt. Thibodeau led all tackles with 9 and was a one-man wrecking crew.

Chapados raised his career interceptions total to 16 with a pick-off early in the third quarter to stymie a promising Queen's drive. He was forced to move from his normal safety position to cornerback to replace an injured **Ian Ployart**. Ployart, a native of Pointe Claire, suffered a knee injury late in the first half. Martinez, the league leading tackler last year, contributed three tackles and blanketed the Queen's receivers.

Quarterback **Ron Aboud** sparked the offensive as he threw for 256 yards, including a 22 yard scoring strike to **John Colatosti**, and ran for another 52 yards. Halfback Robert Pinazza scored Concordia's other major.

The Stingers now travel downtown to defend the Shaughnessy Cup against the McGill Redmen. The Stingers downed McGill 27-23 last year to capture the coveted cup and will be looking for another strong effort against their arch-rivals. Game time is 1:00 p.m. at Molson Stadium.